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1 AN ACT Relating to educator recertification requirements  
2 regarding youth suicide screening, referral, and safety planning; and  
3 amending RCW 28A.410.226.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.410.226 and 2013 c 197 s 2 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) (a) As provided under subsections (2) ~~((and (3)))~~ through (4)  
8 of this section, specified individuals certified by the professional  
9 educator standards board ~~((as a school nurse, school social worker,~~  
10 ~~school psychologist, or school counselor))~~ must complete a training  
11 program on youth suicide screening and referral as a condition of  
12 certification. The training program must be at least three hours in  
13 length. The professional educator standards board must adopt  
14 standards for the minimum content of the training in consultation  
15 with the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the  
16 department of health and in consideration of best practices on youth  
17 suicide screening and prevention. ~~((In developing the standards, the~~  
18 ~~board must consider training programs listed on the best practices~~  
19 ~~registry of the American foundation for suicide prevention and the~~  
20 ~~suicide prevention resource center.))~~

1 (b) By July 1, 2021, the training program described in (a) of  
2 this subsection must incorporate youth suicide safety planning that  
3 includes notification of trusted adults and discussion with trusted  
4 adults about removal of lethal means.

5 (2) This section applies to the following certificates if the  
6 certificate is first issued or is renewed on or after July 1, 2015:

7 (a) Continuing certificates for school nurses;

8 (b) Continuing certificates for school social workers;

9 (c) Continuing and professional certificates for school  
10 psychologists; and

11 (d) Continuing and professional certificates for school  
12 counselors.

13 (3) A school counselor who holds or submits a school counseling  
14 certificate from the national board for professional teaching  
15 standards or a school psychologist who holds or submits a school  
16 psychologist certificate from the national association of school  
17 psychologists in lieu of a professional certificate must complete the  
18 training program under subsection (1) of this section by July 1,  
19 2015, or within the five-year period before the certificate is first  
20 submitted to the professional educator standards board, whichever is  
21 later, and at least once every five years thereafter in order to be  
22 considered certified by the professional educator standards board.

23 (4) Beginning September 1, 2021, this section applies to: (a)  
24 Renewal of initial principal certificates; (b) renewal of  
25 professional principal certificates; (c) issuance and renewal of  
26 continuing principal certificates; and (d) issuance and renewal of  
27 professional principal certificates.

28 (5) The professional educator standards board shall (~~consider~~  
29 ~~the training program under subsection (1) of this section as approved~~  
30 ~~continuing education under RCW 28A.415.020 and shall~~) count the  
31 training program under subsection (1) of this section toward meeting  
32 continuing education requirements for certification as a school  
33 nurse, school social worker, school psychologist, or school  
34 counselor.

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